

Interpretive

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Take a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first basin of Lake James and hear the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

Programs designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages!

Check this and all of your favorite Indiana State Park Interpretive Schedules on the web at: www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov

Saturday October 7

- 11:00am **Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for our small screen version of this very popular IMAX /National Geographic Theater movie! Showtime is approximately 45 minutes. Seating is first come first serve and is limited.
- 3:00pm **An Apple a Day!** Fall and apples seem to go together like marshmallows and campfires! Come to the Nature Center Program Area and test your apple trivia knowledge! All the time we're meeting, we'll have cider (hot and cold!) and apple butter for you to try. Come for a fun and

Sunday October 8

- 8:30am **Early Fall Birding.** Enjoy the fresh morning air on our traditional Sunday morning walk. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for 1 to 1 ½ hours.
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! DH

Saturday October 14

- 10:00am **Wetland Stroll.** Gather at the Inn Lobby by the front desk. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be back within an hour.
- 2:00pm **Bluebird Hills: Prairie Seed Collecting.** Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off onto Trail 7. If the morning is dry, we'll stop along the way to bag some seeds to propagate prairie plants in other park areas next spring. Each family can take home a starter kit for a free native grass ornamental. We'll be out for a couple hours, a water bottle or canteen is
- 7:30pm **An Autumn Stargaze.** Join the Astronomical Society of Hillsdale County and the Pokagon Interpretive Services for an evening of stargazing in the CCC Shelter Lawn. It is a casual evening of looking through the several telescopes on hand, and naked eye astronomy and sky interpretation. We'll view distant stars and star clusters, and discuss the constellations. Dress warmly as fall nights can be cool. In case of inclement weather, we will meet next Saturday, October 21, same time, same station. To check program status, call the park at 833-2012 before



Catch our fall events on the web!
www.dnrfall.com



More Programs on the Back!

New Nature Center School Season Hours:

1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday - Friday

10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Weekends & Holidays

Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont'd

Sunday October 15

8:30am **Return of the Snowbird Jaunt!** By this date, we often see our first dark-eyed junco, or snowbird, for the year as they move in from the north for the winter. Will we see some this morning? Find out by joining us for our traditional Sunday morning walk. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Join us! FW

Saturday October 21

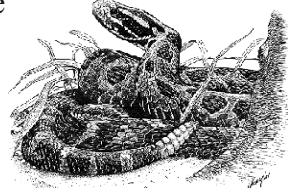
10:00am **Geology Jaunt.** Put on the hikin' shoes for this one! Gather at the Inn Main Entrance where we'll take off for a nice jaunt along trail 3. We'll cover glacial made lakes, marshes, ridges, hills, and all of the life that these features support. A good walk for those who like to hike. We'll probably be out a couple of

2:00pm **Tea at Two at the Spring Shelter.** Bring your favorite tea cup and join us at the Spring Shelter. We'll talk about the current work being done here and the unique history of the shelter while enjoying some cold tea made from our spring water. Parking available for those driving from the

Sunday October 22

8:30am **Autumn Birding.** Enjoy the fresh morning air on our traditional Sunday morning walk. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Join

2:00pm **Stockbridge Audubon Society Special Program: Massasauga Rattlesnake Ecology and Conservation.** Following a quick meeting of the local Stockbridge Audubon Society, a free public program on a fascinating reptile that calls Pokagon home- the massasauga rattlesnake! Brett DeGregorio is a researcher for Indiana Purdue University in Fort Wayne. This summer he caught and radio tracked 20 massasaugas in northern Michigan! Come learn what he discovered. We'll meet in the Nature Center Auditorium.



Saturday October 28

2:00pm **Field Trip to Wing (Witches!) Haven!** Join the interpreter for a special trip to a spooky woods. We'll meet at the Nature Center Parking Lot, then carpool 2 miles to a special ACRES Land Trust property. Wing Haven is home to beautiful woods, ravines, prairies, lakes, and a log-cabin homestead site. But, also rumored to have been a site of a coven of witches that released a spirit into the ravine! Total time should be about 2 hours. Join us! BB

Ghost Tales

6:30pm
&
8:30pm

And other stories of the season!

Two separate sessions designed

For two age groups!

6:30 - parents with younger children

8:30 – older children and adults

Admission Fee for

Each Session \$1.00

Per Person (payable at door)

Refreshments from the witch's brew courtesy of the Potawatomi Inn



Seating will be picnic tables. You may also bring blankets and lawn chairs for floor seating... You might want to bring a friend to hold on to



Parking available in North Beach Parking Lot (CCC Shelter parking).



Allow for a 5-minute drive from Inn.



From town, allow time to get through the main gate and back to the she



Flashlight recommended for the walk to and from parking lot.

Follow the glowing bags (if you dare!) and walk back to the C.C.C. Shelter to join storytellers Lou Ann Homan and Steve Etheridge for this very special, entertaining evening of traditional, scary tales of the season!



Sunday October 29 Daylight Savings Ends Today

8:30am **Frost on the Pumpkin Walk.** Enjoy the fresh morning air on our traditional Sunday morning walk. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Join us! FW

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